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THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, a municipal corporation, located in Berkshire, County, Massachusetts, in consideration of EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$800.00) paid, grants to LOWELL N. REBERGER and BLANCHE A. REBERGER, husband and wife, whose residence and post office address is 66 Chantilly Avenue, in said North Adams, as Joint Tenants, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, two parcels of land situate on the westerly side of Bonair Avenue, in said North Adams, bounded and described as follows:-

Lots No. 63 and 64 as shown on Assessors Map 134 on file in the Assessors' Office, City Hall, North Adams, Mass., and as further shown on plan attached hereto and made part hereof entitled "City of North Adams, Mass., Bonair Avenue, Proposed Land Sale of City Owned Land, Scale 1" = 40', December 1973, Genesio A. Breda, City Engr." The provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 63A, have been fully complied with.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of North Adams has caused this doed to be signed, scaled and delivered in its name and behalf by Joseph R. Flanco, Mayor under the authority of Paper No. 7868 passed by the North Adams City Council on August 27, 1974, this 1/10 day of October, 1974.

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS

Its Mayor Pliance

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire, ss.

October 4 197

Then personally appeared the above named Joseph R. Bianco, Mayor and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the City of North Adams, before me

JAMES A. BONES - NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires Sept. 17, 1976.

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WE, LOWELL W. REBERGER and BLANCHE A. REBERGER, husband and wife,

of North Adams.

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in consideration of

SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$67,250.00)

grant to RICHARD A. PATENAUDE and ELIZABETH F. PATENAUDE, husband and wife,

of 66 Chantilly Avenue, North Adams

Berkshire County, Massachusetts

as TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY.

with warranty covenants

the land in the City of North Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

#### PARCEL I:

Lots numbered 133 and 134 as shown on map entitled - Map of Lorraine, New Suburb of North Adams, Mass. Property of John B. Scarlett, Surveyed 1899 by H.P. Linnell, - said map being filed in the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds at Adams, Mass., and said lots together having a frontage of one hundred (100) feet on the easterly side of Chantilly Avenue and extending back therefrom at the same width for a distance of one hundred (100) feet to the rear of lots fronting on Bonair Avenue.

Meaning and intending to convey and hereby expressly conveying, all and singular, the same premises conveyed to Lowell W. Reberger and Blanche Reberger by deed of Clarence E. DeGrenier and Ida M. DeGrenier, dated January 30, 1967 and recorded in said Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds in Book 606, Page 593.

And, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, the following described parcel:

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Lots 133 & 134, 66 Chantilly Avenue, North Adams, Mass.

and

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May 9, 2000



## City of North Adams

### In City Council

WHEREAS:

The City of North Adams receives funding from the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of streets, roads and ways, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90;

and

WHEREAS:

It is acknowledged that certain streets, roads and ways have been maintained by

the City of North Adams; and

WHEREAS:

The following streets have been so acknowledged by the Commissioner of Public Services: Adams Street, Addison Avenue, Alton Place, Amidon Road, Arnold Place, Ashton Avenue, Autumn Drive, Avon Street, Ballou Street, Barbour Street, Barlow Avenue, Barth Street, Benedict Street, Bethel Street, Biltmore Avenue, Birchwood Terrace, Bonair Avenue, Bradford Street, Brayton Street, Briggs Street, Brook Terrace, Canedy Lane, Chantilly Avenue, Charlene Street, Charles Street, Charles Street Ext., Chesbro Avenue, Church Hill, Citation Avenue, College Avenue, Crossey Place, Crowley Avenue, Daniels Road, Davidson Street, Dean Street, Demond Avenue, Doanes Lane, Duggan Street, East Johnson Street, Elder Avenue, Fairgrounds Avenue, First Street, Forest Street, Fortin Avenue, George Avenue, Goodrich Street, Granite Street, Gregory Avenue, Gunther Street, Hadley Overpass, Harding Avenue, Harrison Ivory Street, Johnson Street, Kately Lane, Labonte Avenue, Lake Street, Laurel Avenue, Leonard Street, Loftus Street, Lois Street, Lyman Street, Maple Street, McCauley Road, Christopher Columbus Drive, Mill Street, Monroe Street, Morgan Avenue, Myers Avenue, Nelson Street, New Street, Oak Avenue, Old State Street, Orchard Terrace, Overlook Terrace, Palmer Avenue, Park Avenue, Parker Street, Pebble Street, Perry Street, Pinehill Terrace, Pitt Street, Rand Street, Ray Street, Reed Street, Rich Street, Richmond Avenue, Rickard Street, Rock Street, Royal Avenue, Secor Avenue, South Church Street, Sylvester Street, Temple Street, Versailles Avenue, Walden Street, Warren Street, Watson Street, West End Terrace, West Mountain Road, Whitman Street, Whitney Avenue, Whittlesley Avenue, Willow Street, Windom Terrace, Winter Street, Woodlawn Avenue:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the above-listed streets, roads and ways are hereby accepted as public streets or ways for the purpose of receiving funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90.

Law Offices of

Fred T. Thompson

66 Summer Street - P.O. Box 1071 North Adams, Massachusetts 01247 Telephone: (413) 664-9002 Telefax: (413) 663-7281 cc: Milce

Fred T. Thompson Julia G. Allan

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Oct. 23, 2003

Vincent Lively, Inspector of Buildings City of North Adams North Adams, MA 01247

Dear Mr. Lively:

I write this letter in response to your question, "Does the City of North Adams have the authority to grant to Michael A. Deep a building permit for lot numbers 148, 149 and 150 as shown on map entitled "Map of Lorraine, New Suburb of North Adams, Mass., Property of John B. Scarlett, surveyed 1899 by H.P. Linnell" on file with the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 97 in Drawer No. 4?".

John B. Scarlett sold the above parcels to Christ D. Tietgens on July 8, 1904 at which time he did <u>Warrant and Defend</u> said parcels.

The City of North Adams has, since this particular subdivision existed, built, maintained, plowed, serviced, administered and regulated all municipal activities in this subdivision. This included extending public ways as lot owners constructed homes on these ways, including Bonair Avenue. The paper streets all became public ways and have been maintained by the City of North Adams.

The City's acceptance of these ways as public ways is further demonstrated by the City Council's action on May 9, 2000. On that date the North Adams City Council acknowledged that certain streets, roads and ways have been maintained by the City of North Adams. Among them were Hawthorne Avenue, Chantilly Avenue, Versailles Avenue, Watson Street, Bonair Avenue, East Johnson Street, and Avon Street. All streets were named accepted streets by a Council vote of 9-0 and approved on May 11, 2000 by John Barrett, III, Mayor.

In 1922, the City of North Adams, adopted a zoning ordinance. It defined Street-as a public way or a way maintained and used as a public way, attested to by the Commissioner of Public Services and certified by the City Clerk, or a way shown on a plan approved and endorsed in accordance with the Subdivision Control Law (see Sec. 81L of Chapter 41) and the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in the City of North Adams, or other ways in existence when the Subdivision Control Law first became effective in the city, having, in the opinion of the Planning Board, sufficient width, suitable grades and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed use of the land abutting thereon or served thereby, and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the buildings erected thereon. "Street" shall be deemed to include the entire width the right-of-way.

Document 2-4

The North Adams Planning Board Form A states:

- A. Each lot on the plan or altered by it meets one of these criteria:
- 1. has all the frontage required under zoning on
  - a. a public way, or
  - b. a way shown on a plan approved earlier by the Planning Board under this law, or
  - c. a way pre-existing the effective date of subdivision regulations, and which the board finds adequate for its planned use.
- C. The plan simply describes already existing parcels with no new lot divisions.

On Feb. 5, 1952, a petition was brought to the then City Manager, Robert H. Harp, requesting improvements to, among other streets in the Lorraine section, Bonair Ave. The petition stated that the petitioners were "ready and willing to execute all necessary waivers of damage or otherwise for said improvements…"

Parcels numbered 148, 149 and 150, all have frontage on Bonair Avenue.

In May 1982, the City of North Adams Engineering Department proposed selling 33,730 square feet of land, including the section of Bonair Avenue in question.

On August 29, 2003, the North Adams Conservation Commission looked at a site plan for a 2 bedroom home on the property in question on Bonair Avenue. They determined "The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions (if any).

The house and garage must be set back a minimum of 40 feet from the City Flood Control. Erosion control measures must be taken along the flood control by using haybales, stakes and a silt fence prior to construction." This determination of Applicability was signed by 4 members of the board on 9/11/03.

The lot in question owned by Michael A. Deep is in a R-2 single family zone district. It meets the frontage, front, rear and side set back requirements.

In April of 2000, David Emery built a single family home at 80 Bryant Street, North Adams. The City of North Adams extended and installed a cul de sac thereby extending Bryant Street and enabling the building of this additional home. Mr. Emery did not pay for the road extension, but did receive a permit from the Planning Board.

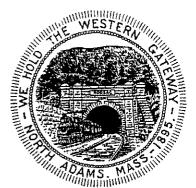
Additionally, in August, 1998, the North Adams building department issued a building permit to Peter Robare to construct a single family home at 200 Versailles Avenue. The building department did not require the applicant to appear in front of the Planning Board, did not require the applicant to improve the road, and did not require the applicant to prove that the city had the authority to grant a building permit.

Clearly, in the past, the City of North Adams has demonstrated co-operation and encouragement to builders that would build to increase the tax base. This case falls in line with the above cases noted and should not be treated any differently.

Based upon the foregoing, in answer to your question, it is clear that the City of North Adams does in fact own Bonair Avenue and the City has the authority to grant to Michael A. Deep a building permit for lot numbers 148, 149 and 150 as shown on map entitled "Map of Lorraine, New Suburb of North Adams, Mass., Property of John B. Scarlett, surveyed 1899 by H.P. Linnell" on file with the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 97 in Drawer No. 4".

Best Regards,

Fred T. Thompson



### Office of the City Clerk

10 Main Street Room 109 North Adams, Massachusetts 01247

Area Code 413 662-3015 Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Mary Ann Abuisi, City Clerk

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Joan Farinon, Junior Clerk

October 23, 2003

Fred T. Thompson Attorney At Law 66 Summer Street Post Office Box 1071 North Adams, MA 01247

### Dear Attorney Thompson:

This is in response to your recent letter in which you have requested information from the records of my office that would confirm that Bonair Avenue is a public way.

Please be advised that I have conducted a thorough search of City Council documents dating back to the early 1900's and can find no reference that would either confirm or deny that "Bonair Avenue" is a public way.

I have enclosed three documents that mention Bonair Avenue for your inspection.

- A Communication from Mayor Faxon Bowen to the City Council dated May 28, 1942 with a committee report from the Standing Committee on Streets
- 2 A Communication from City Manager Robert H. Harp to the City Council dated February 25,1952 submitting a petition from Property Owners in the Greylock and Lorraine sections
- 3. A City Council Resolution dated May 9, 2000 acknowledging that certain streets, roads and ways have been maintained by the City of North Adams and accepting the streets listed as public streets or ways for the purpose of Chapter 90 funding.

I have also researched the City Ordinances and find a reference to Bonair Avenue in Chapter 13, Section 42 entitled Obedience to isolated stop signs or signals.

page 2 Bonair Avenue cont'd

In addition I have found a definition of the word "street" in Section 1 of the Appendix - Zoning Ordinance. It reads, in part, as follows:

Street: a public way or a way maintained and used as a public way, attested to be the Commissioner of Public Services and certified by the City Clerk...

The position of Commissioner of Public Services has been vacant for many years but Leo Senecal, who maintains an Office in the Department of Public Services, may be able to prepare an attestation that Bonair Avenue is a public way. If so, I can certify his statement upon receipt.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Abuisi

City Clerk



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Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Harp
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